



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 30, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.6 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 30, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through March 30, 2019 for the United States were 2.39 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	February 23, 2019	March 2, 2019	March 9, 2019	March 16, 2019	March 23, 2019	March 30, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	31,383	31,678	29,911	30,138	30,152	30,301
Arkansas	25,004	24,898	24,522	24,310	24,621	24,875
Delaware	5,342	5,127	5,326	5,489	5,490	5,490
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,194	1,194	1,194	1,194
Georgia	34,406	34,627	35,077	34,788	34,100	35,116
Kentucky	7,803	7,760	7,621	7,791	7,783	7,912
Louisiana	3,803	3,803	3,803	3,773	3,682	3,652
Maryland	8,253	8,204	8,036	8,326	7,590	7,584
Mississippi	18,655	16,719	18,089	17,951	18,880	18,896
Missouri	8,478	8,421	8,717	8,151	8,549	8,151
North Carolina	23,252	24,092	24,153	24,260	24,253	24,164
Oklahoma	7,683	7,505	7,585	7,885	7,643	7,696
Pennsylvania	5,220	5,167	5,215	5,232	5,084	4,500
South Carolina	5,906	5,832	5,936	5,926	6,036	5,774
Texas	17,256	17,249	17,359	17,405	17,267	17,430
Virginia	6,489	6,621	6,469	6,394	6,459	6,318
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,693	12,147	12,811	12,699	12,120	12,463
Other States	9,665	9,747	9,831	10,221	9,806	9,942
United States	232,516	230,822	231,655	231,933	230,709	231,458
Percent of previous year	102	101	102	102	102	102

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	February 23, 2019	March 2, 2019	March 9, 2019	March 16, 2019	March 23, 2019	March 30, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,978	22,190	21,097	21,851	21,314	22,626
Arkansas	20,982	24,162	22,522	22,721	23,122	23,436
Delaware	5,477	5,061	5,204	6,034	5,642	5,414
Florida	1,221	1,342	1,334	1,230	1,324	1,320
Georgia	27,515	27,917	28,857	27,458	27,772	27,154
Kentucky	6,209	5,788	6,836	6,217	6,041	6,160
Louisiana	3,222	3,234	3,275	3,293	3,290	3,320
Maryland	5,850	6,005	5,612	5,604	5,334	5,696
Mississippi	15,521	15,577	15,814	15,969	13,800	14,358
Missouri	6,069	4,789	6,140	6,503	5,522	5,471
North Carolina	18,746	17,551	18,720	19,693	19,130	19,064
Oklahoma	4,653	3,260	3,728	3,552	4,566	3,988
Pennsylvania	3,909	3,810	3,858	3,853	3,864	3,844
South Carolina	5,189	5,265	4,206	4,191	4,909	5,174
Texas	13,653	13,649	13,875	13,812	13,862	13,794
Virginia	5,615	5,935	5,603	5,250	5,669	5,619
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,990	10,172	9,832	11,186	10,876	10,958
Other States	7,379	7,755	7,705	7,289	7,522	7,814
United States	184,178	183,462	184,218	185,706	183,559	185,210
Percent of previous year	102	101	101	102	100	101

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late or corrected data. Revisions made to the previous five-week’s data during the current week are published in this report. Final estimates are published in the annual *Hatchery Production Summary* released in April.

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